

**HB 1966** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that some state  
4 agencies and departments do not accept the signature of physician  
5 assistants on certain certificates, reports, and other documents that  
6 their supervising physician is permitted to sign, notwithstanding the  
7 fact that the signing of such documents is within the physician  
8 assistant's scope of practice, covered under their practice arrangement  
9 plan, and permitted pursuant to WAC 246-918-140.

10       It is therefore the intent of the legislature to clarify in statute  
11 what was adopted by rule in WAC 246-918-140, that a physician assistant  
12 may sign and attest to any document that might ordinarily be signed by  
13 the supervising physician and that is consistent with the terms of the  
14 practice arrangement plan.

15       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.57A RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17       An osteopathic physician's assistant may sign and attest to any  
18 certificates, cards, forms, or other required documentation that the  
19 osteopathic physician's assistant's supervising osteopathic physician  
20 or osteopathic physician group may sign, provided that it is within the  
21 osteopathic physician's assistant's scope of practice and is consistent  
22 with the terms of the osteopathic physician's assistant's practice  
23 arrangement plan as required by this chapter.

24       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71A RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26       A physician assistant may sign and attest to any certificates,  
27 cards, forms, or other required documentation that the physician  
28 assistant's supervising physician or physician group may sign, provided

1 that it is within the physician assistant's scope of practice and is  
2 consistent with the terms of the physician assistant's practice  
3 arrangement plan as required by this chapter."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "documents;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
6 18.57A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.71A RCW; and creating a  
7 new section."

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